(घ) निर्माण कार्य में तेजी लाने के लिए क्या कार्यवाही की गई है या करने का विचार है ?

जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री जगदीश टाईटलर) : (क) जगदलपुर-बस्तर-निजामाबाद खंड को 1989 में राष्ट्रीय राजमार्ग (रा०रा० 16) के रूप में घोषित किया गया था ।

(ख) मध्य प्रदेश राज्य के लिए दो सड़क तथा एक पुल निर्माण कार्य जिनकी कुल लागत 140.37 लाख रु० की संस्वीकृत किया जा चुका है, और इनका कार्य विभिन्न स्तरों पर किया जा रहा है ।

(ग) तथा (घ) पुल का निर्माण कार्य ठेके को अंतिम रूप देने में विलम्ब के कारण थोड़ा पिछड़ गया है लेकिन अब ठेके पर कार्यवाही शुरू कर दी गई है । कार्य को शीघ्र पूरा करने के लिए इस पर नियमित रूप से निगरानी रखी जा रही है ।

Rapid Transport System in big cities

238. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact tha Government have identified 23 big cities including Delhi to introduce fast moving tram cars, as a Rapid Transport System;

(b) whether it is also a fact that some State Governments have shown interest to introduce this system on BOT basis; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). Enquiries have been received from some State Governments for construction of HST system in their metropolitan cities. However, it is for the respective State Governments to implement the project.

Implementation of development activities in Inland Waterways

239. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government and the Inland Waterways Authority have formulated a detailed strategy for the implementation of various development activities during the next two years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that Inland Waterways Authority has identified some problems and also given some suggestions to resolve them;

(d) if so, the details of that suggestions.

(e) how much amount UNDP is giving as assistance for this project; and

(f) by when and how this strategy will be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir The Inland Waterways Authority of India have formulated a detailed policy/strategy for the development of inland waterways in the country. Under this policy, in order to expand the inland water trnsport network in the country, it is planned to develop the National Waterways No 1 to 3, i.e. the Ganga, the Brahmaputra and the West Coast Canal for the safe navigation and shipping by providing necessary infrastructural facilities like terminals, navigational aids, bank protection in narrow stretches etc. It is also proposed to study and examine the question of declaring few more waterways as National Waterways.

(c) and (d). Yes, Sir. The planning of different schemes and the expenditure to be incurred therefor has been reviewed keeping in view the budgetary allocation. As a result, developmental activities on the National Waterways are being stepped up. Action is also being taken to provide more manpower to enable the Authority to execute various programmes.

(e) No financial assistance is presently being given by UNDP for the Inland Waterways Authority of India's projects.

(f) The various schemes, as idetnified in the policy strategy document of the IWAI for implementation, have been/are being taken up for execution, for making National Waterways No. 1 and 2 adequately, operational and for developing National Waterway No. 3 (declared in February, 1993).

Maintenance of Badarpur to Belonia National Highway

240. SHRI VISHNU KANT SHASTRI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that National Highway No. 44 from Baradpur to Belonia is poorly mainained;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for poor maintenance;

(c) when the repairs of this highway was taken up last;

(d) whether it is also a fact that this national highway is so narrow that two vehicles cannot cross each other at any point; and

(e) if so, is there any plan to widen this Highway?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) to (c). Baradpur and Belonia are not situated on National Highway 44. Presumaby the Hon'be Member has in mind Badarpur instead of Baradpur. National Highway No. 44 from Shilong to Agartala via Badarpur is being maintained in a traffic worthy conditon within available funds. Belonia is south of Agartala and the road from Agartala to Belonia is a State road which is the responsibility of State Government of Tripura.

(d) and (e) National Highway No. 44 is 482 Kms long, out of which 208 Km is double lane 258 Km Intermediate lane and only 16 Km single lane carriageway. Improvement of this National Highway is being carried out in a phased manner subject to availability of funds.

Construction of culvedts and bypasses on National Highways in Tamil Nadu

241. SHRI V. RAJAN CHELLAPPA:
SHRI S. AUSTIN:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state the names of the National Highways in Tamilnadu in respect of which Schemes for constructions of culverts, bypasses and widening of roads are under consideration?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): Schemes for construction of bypasses on NH 4, 45 and 47 and widening on NH 7, 7A and 49 are under consideration during 1994-95. Whenever required as per site conditions, culverts are considered on any of the nine NHs in the State.

Expansion of Inland Water Transport Network

242 SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what steps Government intend to take for expansion of Inland Water Transport Network to cater the vast potential in movement of cargo by this mode;

(b) what is the future plan of Inland Water Transport Corporation in this regard;